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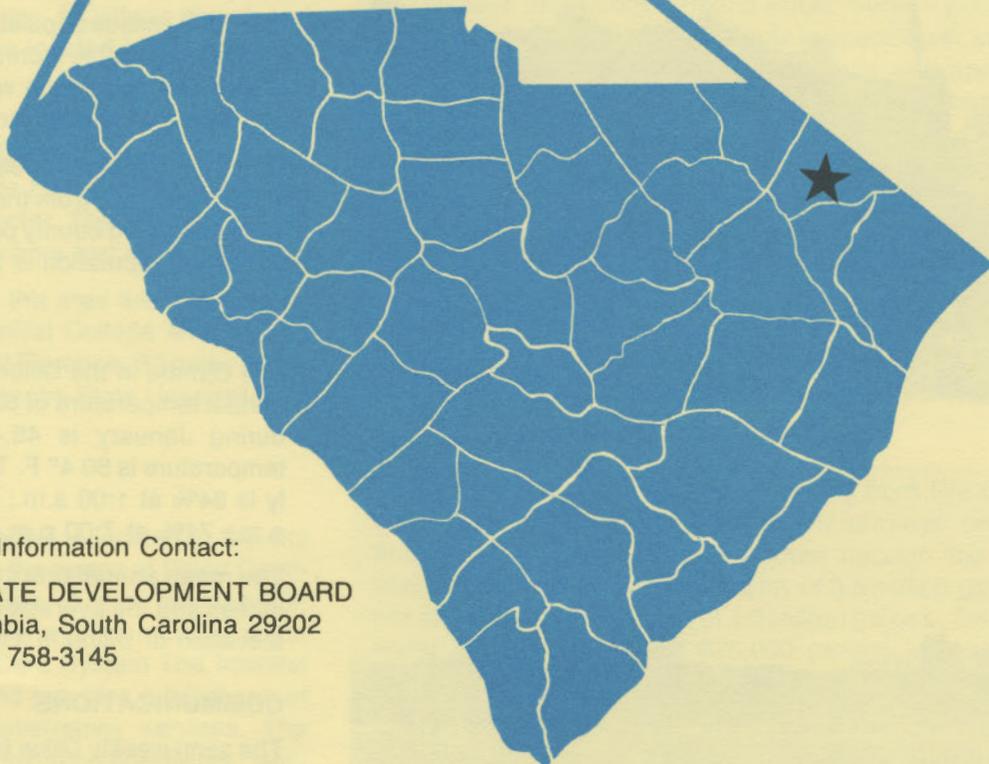
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Dillon City-County Complex



Dillon High School



Dillon County Courthouse



Dillon County Area Vocational School

LOCATION

As depicted on the cover, Dillon, seat of Dillon County, is in the northeastern section of the state. Charleston, South Carolina's busiest port, is 133 miles south. Columbia is 111 miles southwest and Greenville is 174 miles west. Dillon is 325 miles east of Atlanta; 607 miles south of New York; and 2,848 miles east of San Francisco.



POPULATION

The 1980 census population of the city of Dillon was 7,042. This was a 10.2% increase from the 1970 population of 6,391. The population within a 15-mile radius is 52,726 and within a 30-mile radius is 247,378.

Dillon County had a 1980 census population of 31,083, a 7.8% increase from the 1970 population of 28,838. The 1985 estimated county population is 32,000 and the 1990 projected population is 33,800.

CLIMATE

The climate in the Dillon area is temperate with a mean annual temperature of 63.7° F. The average temperature during January is 46.4° F, while the average July temperature is 80.4° F. The average relative humidity daily is 84% at 1:00 a.m.; 84% at 7:00 a.m.; 57% at 1:00 p.m.; 74% at 7:00 p.m.

The mean annual precipitation in the Dillon area is 53.59 inches and the average growing season is 235 days. The elevation of Dillon is 118 feet above sea level.

COMMUNICATIONS

The semi-weekly *Dillon Herald* is published in the city, and six dailies circulate in the area. Radio station WDSC-AM-FM provides local broadcast services. Television reception in the community is available from five stations, representing the three major networks and educational television. Cable television service is available in the city. Telephone service in the community is provided by Southern Bell of BellSouth Corporation.

GOVERNMENT

The community has a council-manager form of municipal government. The mayor is elected for a four-year term and each of the six council members is elected at large to four-year overlapping terms. Dillon County is governed by a council-administrator form of government, with seven council members elected from county districts to four-year terms.

POLICE AND FIRE

The Dillon Police Department has 20 full-time officers patrolling its 3.1-square-mile territory. The division operates 24 hours a day with four officers assigned to each shift. The Fire Department has three full-time engineers and 22 volunteer firemen who provide city protection. Dillon's insurance rating is Class 6.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Dillon has two banks and one savings and loan association to serve the financial needs of the community. The banks have total assets of \$2.7 billion, while the savings and loan has assets of \$752 million.

HOTELS AND MOTELS

The community has 12 motels with a total of over 800 overnight accommodations. Other motel accommodations are available in the county.

CHURCHES

Dillon has ten Protestant churches. A Catholic church and a Jewish house of worship are located in the city.

EDUCATION

Dillon, which is included in Dillon District 2, has four elementary schools; two junior high schools; one high school; and one vocational center. The student/teacher ratio is 19.8 to 1, with 231 teachers and 4,580 students.

Higher education facilities for the area are provided by the Florence-Darlington Technical College and Francis Marion College, both located at Florence, 32 miles away. St. Andrews College and Pembroke State University are within 25 miles of the city.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Saint Eugene Community Hospital is located in the city of Dillon and has been serving the needs of Dillon County and area citizens since 1943. It is a not-for-profit, medical-surgical general hospital and is a member of the Sisters of Saint Mary Health Care System. The hospital currently has 70 adult beds and provides a full range of services, including 24-hour emergency services. The medical staff of 20 includes the following specialties: family practice, general practice, general surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedic surgery, pathology, pediatrics, and radiology. The community has 12 privately-practicing medical doctors and four privately-practicing dentists.

RECREATION AND CIVIC FACILITIES

Recreation facilities consist of several city parks, playgrounds, a swimming pool, tennis courts, two movie theaters and several athletic fields. The Twin Lakes Country Club has an 18-hole golf course, a pool, tennis courts and a clubhouse. Numerous public and private ponds and the Little Pee Dee River provide fishing areas and wild game and fowl abound in the county's woodlands for the hunting enthusiast. Little Pee Dee State Park, ten miles away, provides areas for fishing, camping, swimming and picnicking. Dillon is within an hour's drive of several coastal resort communities.

POWER

Electric power is available to the community and surrounding areas from Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) and Pee Dee and Marlboro Electric Cooperatives. CP&L has a firm generation capacity of 8,000 megawatts and forecasts sufficient reserves to accommodate industrial growth in its service area. Economical power from nuclear energy accounts for a major portion of CP&L's generation and serves to keep the company's rates below the national average. Usually CP&L will install, at no cost to the customer, the necessary equipment to supply the electrical requirements. Alternative rate schedules are available to the industrial customer with the most economical rate for a specific application determined by the characteristics of the user's consumption.

Electric power for Pee Dee and Marlboro Electric Cooperatives is supplied by Central Electric Power Cooperative and South Carolina Public Service Authority. The generation capacity of plants in operation or under construction totals over 3,200 megawatts with approximately 73% produced from coal. Interconnections are maintained with neighboring power suppliers. Sufficient reserves are available to meet immediate and future industrial power requirements. Economic Development Incentive Rates are available for qualifying industries.

FUELS

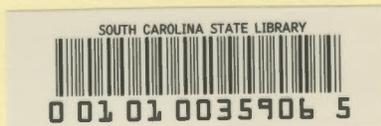
Natural gas is supplied by South Carolina Electric and Gas. SCE&G representatives are available to advise on matters relating to natural gas for industrial applications.

WATER

The community obtains its water supply from five deep wells. The water is treated for iron removal and is fluoridated prior to being distributed through the city mains. The city has a rated capacity of 3.5 million gallons per day and a daily demand of 1.0 million gallons. Treated water storage consists of 625,000 gallons in elevated tanks and 320,000 gallons in ground storage.

Analysis of water supplied in the community:

Total solids	140 mg/L
Alkalinity	57 mg/L
Calcium	4 mg/L
Hardness	17 mg/L
Iron	1.5 mg/L
pH	6.8



SEWER

The city of Dillon has two treatment plants with maximum capacities of 350,000 and 750,000 gallons per day. The plants are currently operating over capacity. In October 1984 the City was awarded a federal grant to expand and upgrade the larger plant to a capacity of 2.5 million gallons per day. The construction is expected to be completed in January 1987.

LABOR

Because labor information may change in this area, a current labor availability report prepared and kept up to date by the S. C. State Development Board will be furnished to prospective manufacturers at their request. The comprehensive report will include sources of recruitable labor, labor force characteristics, work force skill levels, earnings data and other pertinent information. The S. C. State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education has the resources to recruit and train workers in accordance with a company's entry criteria. This training is at little or no cost to the employer. A lead-time schedule is developed to coordinate recruiting, testing, selecting, and training. This assures that persons will be able to move from training to their respective jobs at the time the plant is ready for initial production.

TRANSPORTATION

Dillon is served by one interstate highway, I-95 (3 miles), one United States highway and three South Carolina highways. The community is served by the Seaboard System Railroad. Dillon is served by 40 authorized motor carriers, 14 of which have terminal facilities in nearby Florence.

Freight Delivery Times:

To:	By Rail:	By Truck:
Atlanta	2 days	1 day
Baltimore	3 days	3 days
Chicago	4 days	3 days
Houston	6 days	3 days
New York	4 days	4 days
St. Louis	4 days	4 days
San Francisco	6 days	5 days

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name	Product or Service	Employees
Burlington	Carpet yarns	76
Dauids of Dillon	Kitchen and bath apparel	294
Dillon Yarn	Textured yarns	400
Mohasco Carpet Corp.-Dixiana Mill	Carpet	600
Rownd & Son, Inc.	Veneer containers	100
Wix Corporation	Air, oil and gasoline filters	354

The Florence City-County Airport, 32 miles from the community, offers regularly scheduled commercial airline service on Eastern, Atlantis, Trans Southern and Henson/Piedmont. Private aircraft utilize the Dillon County Airport, two miles away, which has a paved and lighted 3,000-foot runway. Services available at the Dillon County Airport are 80 and 100LL fuel, RBn, Abvortac and Unicom.

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

A Foreign Trade Zone is located in Summerville, South Carolina, 25 miles from the Port of Charleston and 108 miles from the community. The Foreign Trade Zone allows manufacturers to store, manufacture, or process goods without paying U.S. Customs duties or worrying about quota compliance. This Foreign Trade Zone is served by a multimode transportation network which provides excellent accessibility to market areas.

TAXES

The assessment on industrial property in South Carolina is 10.5% of the market value. New industry is granted a five-year moratorium on general county taxes (with the exception of school taxes). The city tax rate is \$7.50 per \$100 of assessed value. The county rate is \$12.40 per \$100 of assessed value. The effective city tax rate (tax liability per \$100 of market value) is \$.79. The effective county rate is \$1.30. The state has no tax on a manufacturers' inventories, goods-in-process, raw materials or finished goods. Treatment facilities or equipment of manufacturing plants which control water or air pollution are exempt from all property taxation.

INDUSTRIAL SITES

Industrial sites are available in Dillon with a wide range of geographic and topographic features. In all probability, a site that will meet the needs of most industries' requirements has been identified, catalogued, and entered into the State Development Board's Computerized Site Selection System. Detailed site information is available and will be furnished upon request.